GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SHARE OF RAJASTHAN IN BHAKRA AND PONG DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had paid its share of expenditure on constructions of Bhakra and Pong Dam to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to get its share of water;

(b) if so, the extent of water which was proposed to be released to Rajasthan after completion of the dams;

(c) whether short supply to Rajasthan is due to non-filling of these dams to capacity;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to instruct BBMB to revoke its 1990decision and fill the dams to their capacity to facilitate water supply to Rajasthan according to its share; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) According to the Government of Rajasthan, its shareof expenditure towards construction of Bhakra and Pong Dams hasbeen paid to the Bhakra Beas Management Board.However, Rajasthan's share of Sutlej, Ravi and Beas waters is not linked to the payment made by them for the construction of these dams.

(b) The releases are being made by the Bhakra Beas Management Board in accordance with the decisions arrived at in the monthly meetings of its Technical Committee, in which Rajasthan is also represented, keeping in view the indents for water from the partner States of Punjab, Haryana andRajasthan and water availability in the dams, in accordance with an ad hoc interim arrangement decided in a Board meeting in December, 1982.

(c) Government of Rajasthan have informed that the non- filling of the dams is one of the reasons for the short supply in the current year.

(d) & (e) Rajasthan has already taken up the matter with the Bhakra Beas Management Board for discussing such a proposal in its meeting.